

Topics discussed



HOUSE DISTRICT 92

2007 FALL LEGISLATIVE REPORT

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
Phil HINKLE

Dear Friends,

year's taxes have already been paid.

Sincerely yours,

Phil Hinkle

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## *Phil Hinkle calls for \$200 million in property tax relief*

### 1 Immediate Property Tax Credit

In 2007, House Democrats failed to control rising property taxes by passing a property tax rebate that homeowners will probably not receive until next year after taxpayers have paid their bills. The effect of this rebate will cause counties to incur thousands of dollars of expenses through a special mailing of the checks. This "relief" should have been calculated in the form of an immediate credit on tax bills.

### 2 Homestead Credit Extension

Homeowners should be able to receive a homestead credit on their property tax when they apply for one and not have to wait months for it to take effect. This proposal would extend the filing deadline of the Homestead Credit.

### 3 Limit Local Property Tax Increase

Local officials should be held accountable for property tax increases that are driven by out of control spending.

### 4 End Unfunded State Mandates

Currently, property taxpayers are paying to fund state programs like child welfare. Local governments and property taxpayers should not be responsible for paying for programs that are required by state bureaucrats.

### 5 Eliminate Residential Property Taxes

It is time to provide tax relief to homeowners by returning the state surplus to the taxpayers. Eliminating residential property taxes is a first step in the process of completely reforming the property tax system in Indiana.

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## Legislative Priorities

### Property Taxes

My House Republican colleagues and I have been working closely with economic experts using data from the Legislative Services Agency to come up with a proposal that would provide long-term property tax relief by permanently and constitutionally repealing property taxes in Indiana. I fully support eliminating property taxes through a voter referendum and constitutional amendment. The economic development spurred by eliminating property taxes will play a major role in determining an increase, if needed, in other taxes to generate required revenue.

### Student Attendance

Student truancy is a problem that we need to combat. If a child is not in the classroom, it is much more difficult for him or her to learn and keep up with the curriculum. One solution that will help curb truancy for some students is to tie attendance together with public assistance. Parents receiving public assistance that have children in school would have to ensure that their child is in class. If the child does not attend school, their public assistance could be reduced in some manner. Truancy is not limited to families on public assistance, but it is important that we attempt to fight absenteeism so that every child has an opportunity to learn.

### Get Tough on Crime

Hoosiers deserve a safe and secure environment in which to live, work, and raise a family. We must require felons to serve at least 85% of their sentence, increase penalties for cop killers, require federal background checks on those working in the classroom, and protect all Hoosiers from violent offenders and drug dealers.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR UPCOMING MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

October 29, 2007

Deadline for absentee-by-mail applications to be received for the Municipal Election

November 6, 2007

Election Day

If you have any questions call the Marion County Clerk's office 317-327-4740.

Don't forget to bring your photo ID.